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MEMORANDUM FOR: CIA Member of CODIB

SUBJECT : Terms of Reference for CODIB Task Teams

1. At the request of the CODIB secretary, the Directorate for Science and Technology has reviewed the Terms of Reference for Task Teams III, IV, V, VI and IX. In so doing, we have made a serious effort to understand the philosophy underlying the missions of the Teams and the necessity for the all-encompassing terms of reference with which we are confronted. Frankly, it has been a uniquely frustrating experience and we have no alternative but to express to you our grave reservations concerning the ability of the teams to fulfill their broad missions and of this Directorate to participate in and to support their activities in a meaningful manner.

2. Specifically, we are concerned over the following:

- a. The broad, generalized statements of objectives.
- b. The unattainable character of many of the stated objectives.
- c. The implication that the teams would conduct budgetary investigations, would critique methods adopted by the agency in solving information processing problems, and would make policy decisions and recommendations on the adequacy and effectiveness of agency programs.
- d. The absence of any apparent concern with security compartmentation, with operational security procedures or personnel clearance limitations.
- e. The potential for involvement in agency policy and activities affecting Project CHIVE, the SRD project, Project WALNUT, and research and development programs.
- f. The general absence of precise projects with clearly defined objectives and deadlines which would permit intelligent judgment of the extent of feasible collaboration by and tasking of this Directorate.
- g. The huge amounts of time that would need to be spent by skilled personnel to indoctrinate, educate and support

the teams if even modestly sincere efforts were made to implement the proposals.

3. We are willing to discuss these matters with you at any time and to relate our concerns to specific documents and proposals, but at this time we have no alternative but to withhold our concurrence in these Task Team terms of reference.



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